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- 1. EMBOFF HINES, WHO WAS DETAILED TO COLOMBO FOR NAM HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE, WAS SURPRISED TO READ TANZANIAN OFFICIAL'S ASSERTION THAT "ONCE A NAM MEMBER, ALWAYS A NAM MEMBER." WHILE THE NEXT QUOTED REMARK IS CORRECT, NAMELY THAT THERE IS NO MECHANISM FOR EXPULSION, THE NAM HAS ALREADY EXPELLED ONE MEMBER BECAUSE ITS GOVERNMENT'S POLITICS WERE DISTASTEFUL: CHILE. THE DEVICE USED WAS SIMPLY NOT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE COLOMBO MEETTING. SINCE THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CHOSE NOT TO SEEK TO ATTEND, NO CLEARER MOMENT OF "EXPULSION" EVER AROSE.
- 2. IN VIEW OF ITS POSITION WITHIN THE NAM, IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA DID NOT MAKE THE DECISION TO DROP CHILE ON ITS OWN. BUT FROM THE TRAFFIC CONFIDENTIAL.

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AVAILABLE IN NEW DELHI IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE, INCLUDING KATZEN'S REPORTING FROM ALGERIA, IT WAS NEVER EVIDENT WHAT COUNTRIES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION AND WHEN IT WAS MADE. THE MOST LIKELY SCENARIO IS THAT SRIO LANKAN OFFICIALS CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH A FEW MAJOR NAM MEMBERS ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND THEN ACTED BY NOT ACTING.

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